

# *Those other forgotten vets are deserving recognition*

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This lady stands stoically straight. You can detect unlimited compassion in her face. Her feet are in combat boots and she cradles a steel helmet on her right hip as if it were the child she bore.

Lamentably, the lady is only a dream.

She's a concept for a monument conceived by women who wore their country's uniforms in Vietnam and now feel overly forgotten.

They want the lady to be cast in heroic-sized bronze in order to represent the American women in Vietnam.

Led by Donna Marie Boulay of Minneapolis, Minn., women of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project have been working since 1984 so their monument can become a part of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D.C.

Located near the Lincoln Monument, the Vietnam Memorial consists of a stark, shiny black stone wall. Names of the dead are engraved into the stone. Eight women's names are etched in the wall.

It also consists of a bronze statue of three male combat veterans at a location near the wall.

Boulay's group want their statue located nearby too.

They've already raised money for their monument.

And it won't cost taxpayers a dime



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to remember our sister veterans who seem to be more forgotten than the men are.

But J. Carter Brown, chairman of the Federal Commission of Fine Art has nixed the women's plan so they've turned to Congress for help.

"If we allow a statue of a woman we'll have to add other statues such as one for the canine corps," Boulay says.

"He told us the healing process is complete for all vets and that The Vietnam Memorial is complete. He said a monument to women would upset the balance," Boulay said.

Oh come on, Mr. Brown! Don't be so artless.

Healing for SOME Vietnam veterans is no more over than it is for SOME veterans of Korea, World War II or the war-to-end all wars, WWI.

It may come as a surprise to you Mr. Brown, but it's no less true for GI women.

Try not to allow your creative mind to miss the distinct difference between the female veterans of Vietnam and war dogs.

Actually, I wouldn't object loudly to a memorial for the combat dogs either.

I remember a night inside a tent in Vietnam's jungles with a combat dog.

She was a lifesaver. She walked point, leading our way. Her nose could pick up the enemy lying in ambush before it was too late.

I'm writing my congressmen and telling them to support Senate Bill 215 and House Resolution 3628 that would allow Boulay and her sisters their dream. Feel free to do the same thing.

The women deserve their monument too.

In this art debate, more is not less, it is definitely more. And the Vietnam Memorial would be better with the addition of the stoic lady.

The last face many of those whose names grace the black marble wall saw was a female military nurse. Certainly they wouldn't mind her monument near them now.

SEATTLE (AP) — The University of Washington has sold the stock it held in companies that do business in South Africa, school officials say.

UW Regents voted in August 1986 to sell \$2.5 million in stock in such companies, giving the university's financial advisers until this Tuesday to do so.

"We were way ahead of schedule. It's been done," said Jerome Farris, a UW regent

and U.S. Appeals Court judge. Gordon Culp, president of the Board of Regents, said university officials will continue to review investments in response to a request from students.

Students and others at the university called for the divestment because of South Africa's system of racial segregation that denies human rights to that country's black majority.

## Member backs conservancy idea

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Establishing a conservancy district would be the best way for Cache County to pursue developing unallocated water of the Bear River, said County Council member Dennis Funk.

Dennis Funk, who represents Cache on a water development committee made up of officials from nine counties in Utah, Idaho and Wyoming, asked

other council members to consider putting \$5,000 to \$10,000 in the 1988 budget for water development.

"If we can find a little money in the budget, I would suggest it be used to conduct a public information campaign on the importance of developing the water and how a petition process required to form a conservancy district works," he said Monday night.

## Third of lawmakers hire spouses

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Rep. Jeff Gilmour, D-Jefferson, is paying his fiancee \$2,500 a month under provisions of a new law that allows lawmakers to hire staff aides between legislative sessions, according to a published report.

Gilmour is one of 26 Oregon lawmakers who have hired

their spouses as state-paid aides under a law passed by the 1987 Legislature, The Oregonian newspaper of Portland reported in today's editions.

The legislators voted an extra \$9,600 for each of the 90 members to hire staff between sessions.

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They want the official victim

should benefit from execution of Emery M.

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## Hercules inspections

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Soviet inspections of the Hercules plant in west Salt Lake County likely would approach the maximum number allowed under terms of a proposed treaty banning intermediate nuclear missiles, a U.S. offi

cial said.

The treaty would allow inspections of up to 12 sites per year at an unspecified number of sites in each country. During the first five years of the treaty, both sides will have two inspections annually at

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